



# RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

October 19, 2016

## Job Opportunity with the RR Program

The Wisconsin DNR seeks to fill a Natural Resources Program Manager position stationed in the Central Office in the heart of downtown Madison. See description below for more information. The deadline to apply is **October 25, 2016**.

**Natural Resources Program Manager** - This position leads, directs, and administers all policy, personnel, and budget activities as part of the program areas within the Fiscal and Information Technology (FIT) Section in the Remediation and Redevelopment Program, Division of Environmental Management. Program functions within the section include: management of program fiscal programs (program budget, grants, project contract management, cooperative agreements, Environmental Management Account, etc.); administration of the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA); training and safety; and oversight of the program's administrative management systems. This position is responsible for developing, directing, coaching, mentoring and supervising permanent and limited-term staff. This position serves on management teams and is expected to be an active contributor. Customer and partner groups may include DNR staff, citizens, citizen groups, industry leaders, tribal governments, and governmental and educational representatives.

See the [job announcement](#) for additional information.

## Last Chance to Register for Brownfields 101: Redevelopment Resources for Local Governments

Only a handful of seats remain for the RR Program's upcoming conference, *Brownfields 101: Redevelopment Resources for Local Governments*. Nearly 100 local government representatives from around the state have already registered for the Nov. 2 event in Stevens Point. While presentations and topics will be of a non-technical nature, those in the private, environmental professional fields are welcome to attend.

You can learn more about this event, and find a registration link, on the RR Program's [conference and training web page](#).

Registration for Brownfields 101 closes Oct. 26.

## November *Issues & Trends* Training: Organic Chemistry Refresher

The RR Program is offering an organic chemistry refresher in November as part of its ongoing *Issues & Trends* series. The session will be presented by Marquette University assistant professor Llanie Nobile, PhD.

The presentation will begin with a discussion of the volatility, solubility and reactivity of gasoline mixtures (fresh and weathered), then continue with volatile organic compounds, in particular chlorinated solvents.

Please note that the schedule for this event is different from previous *Issues & Trends* offerings.

- Wednesday, Nov. 9
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- [Join Skype Meeting](#)
- Toll-free number: 1 (866) 715-6499 / Conference ID: 4428601850

The presentation will be conducted using Skype. A link to join the presentation is offered above, as well as an alternative phone number for those who aren't near a computer or are having audio difficulties through Skype at the time of the presentation.

We strongly encourage you to click the "Join Skype Meeting" link in advance of the meeting to determine if you can run the Skype plug-in program on your computer. You may need to contact your company's IT department to gain the necessary permission to do so.

Dr. Nobile earned her doctorate in 2006 from Florida Atlantic University's Center of Excellence in Biomedical and Marine Biotechnology. Utilizing the connection between chemistry and biotechnology, Dr. Nobile has developed science courses for Florida Atlantic University, Keiser University, and the American College of Education. She is in her second year as a visiting professor at Marquette.

## **U.S. EPA Announces New Brownfields RFPs**

The EPA has announced guidelines for FY17 Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants. These Brownfields grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). The proposal submission deadline is December 20, 2016.

- **Assessment Grants:** Applicants for community-wide or site-specific awards may apply for up to \$200,000 in hazardous substances funding or up to \$200,000 in petroleum funding.
- **Community-wide Assessment Applicants (new):** Applicants applying for both hazardous substances funding and petroleum funding may request a combined total up to \$300,000; however the request for hazardous substances funding or petroleum funding cannot exceed \$200,000 for any one individual type of grant funding. For example, an applicant may apply for \$200,000 in hazardous substances funding and \$100,000 in petroleum funding.
- **Assessment Coalition Applicants:** Applicants may apply for up to \$600,000 in hazardous substances funding and/or petroleum funding.
- **Cleanup Grants:** Applicants can apply for up to \$200,000 per brownfield site and can submit up to three separate, site-specific cleanup proposals.

A number of guidelines and resources exist to assist applicants.

- [FY2017 Brownfields Assessment Grant Guidelines](#)
- [FY2017 Brownfields Cleanup Grant Guidelines](#)
- [FY2017 Summary of Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Guideline Changes](#)
- [FY2017 Assessment Guideline Checklist](#)
- [FY2017 Cleanup Guideline Checklist](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [Grants.gov Tip Sheet for Applicants](#)

To further assist applicants with their proposals, EPA will host the EPA National Assessment and Cleanup Guideline Webinar; tentatively scheduled for the first week of November 2016. Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/apply-brownfields-grant-funding> for the final date.

### **KSU TAB Offers to Provide Free Review of Draft U.S. EPA Grant Proposals**

Kansas State University – Technical Assistance for Brownfields can provide free review of your draft EPA Assessment and Cleanup proposals for EPA Regions 5, 6, 7 & 8. Please provide one week's advance notice that you will be sending a draft to review. It generally takes a few days to get the proposals back to you. The review is free of charge. Please contact Blase Leven ([baleven@ksu.edu](mailto:baleven@ksu.edu), 785-532-0780) to reserve your spot.

### **New Brownfields/Land Reuse Survey Now Open**

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Brownfields/Land Reuse Program has created a 5-minute survey geared to municipal managers to ask about awareness of brownfields and any ordinances that may be in place that may prevent new brownfields from forming. The ATSDR is calling these "waste left in place" ordinances and hopes to use the results of the survey to learn about any ordinances that may be in place, which they may be able to highlight as best practices or to develop model ordinances.

To learn more about ATSDR's Brownfields/Land Reuse Program, visit this link: [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields). The ATSDR's survey link is live and shown below. Please feel free to share this link with all interested parties, as it will greatly help the ATSDR to advance research into the prevention of brownfields.

Survey Monkey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CJ8JKGW>. The ATSDR will hold the survey open for at least two weeks (until November 2nd or later).

For more information, contact [Matthew McKenna](#), Director of the Great Lakes Washington Program at the Northeast-Midwest Institute.

### **U.S. EPA Brownfields Webinar: Promoting Aquaponics in Redevelopment Projects Webinar**

The concept of growing and producing food where people live has been with us since antiquity. However, growing food in modern urban environments often is not an easy task, especially in food deserts. Aquaponics, the production of protein and produce, is a system that can help communities produce significant quantities of food in very limited space. Learn about a new planning tool, developed by U.S. EPA, which can help communities create these healthy food production systems: [Aquaponics Business Plan User Guide and Worksheets](#). This new tool is based on the acclaimed U.S. EPA Urban Farm Business Planning Guide. While originally created to encourage aquaponics development on brownfields, the new guide is now available for use in any community.

The webinar will be held on November 15, 2016 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm, Eastern Standard Time. Please register in advance at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/504172638621802500>.

## **2016 VPLE Report Now Available**

The DNR Remediation and Redevelopment program has prepared a biannual report on the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) program. The report, required by law, provides the legislature and the Governor information about the performance of the VPLE program. The Program, which has helped many brownfields redevelopment projects across the state, allows for anyone to conduct an environmental investigation and remedial action of an entire property with DNR oversight and receive exemptions from liability. The report is available here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/rr/RR929.pdf>

## **Upcoming ITRC Training**

Nov. 3 - [Environmental Molecular Diagnostics: New Tools for Better Decisions](#)

Nov. 15 - [Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers](#)

Nov. 17 - [Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge](#)

Nov. 29 - [Geophysical Classification for Munitions Response](#)